

Polk City, Iowa, Jan. 28-1860.

Dear Douglas:-

I enclose you another of Mr. Brad's letters so that you may see how we get along in the fight. If I go to the State Convention I go expecting to see a Finch, and other staunch friends of yours to Charleston. I will report you after the County Convention on Saturday.

Yours, truly,

J. C. Bennett.

B If you have any documents connected with Natural History, please forward me some. B.

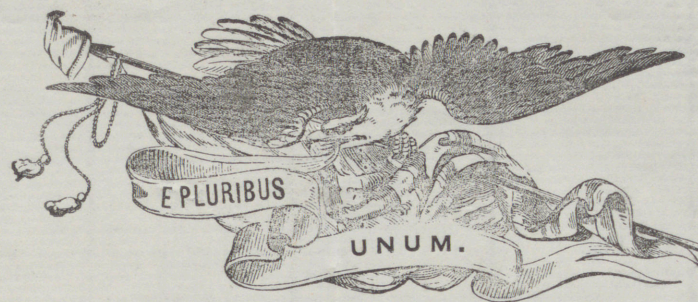
Wm J Bennett
Polk City,

Iowa
July 24, 1860

The Iowa
Convention

M. D. Bucklin
Pres't Mech's Natl
Union Assn: -
New York
Jan'y 24, 1860.

Asks Judge D's
opinion on the
objects of the Assn:
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MECHANIC'S

National Union Association,

Organized October 27, 1859.

M. D. BUCKLIN, Pres.

B. M. NOE, Vice Pres.

E. W. SPAULDING, Sec'y.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

I.

WE regard the perpetuity of our National Constitution and the continued Union of all the States as absolutely indispensable to the prosperity, present well being and future good of all the parts composing this mighty Confederation of States—the one unalterably adhered to and the other never dissolved.

II.

WE unqualifiedly oppose, ignore and repudiate all legislative action or individual interference on the part of one State with the domestic institutions of a sister State, and especially that of slavery.

III.

WE pledge ourselves to use our best efforts, influence and means for the elevation to offices of honor, profit and trust such men only as, by their records, stand square upon, and faithfully adhere to, the Constitution and Union—men who take enlarged and comprehensive views of the duties of public officers, and have proved themselves worthy of our confidence and trust.

IV.

WE believe that the enlightened views entertained by the mechanics of this country should command for them a higher destiny in the practical administration of our State, National and Municipal governments, and regard it as an imperative duty, which we owe to ourselves and prosperity, to take the initiatory steps in securing a proper recognition of our merits and capabilities in the faithful, prompt and efficient discharge of public duty.

V.

Believing as we do, that on the virtue and intelligence of the people of a truly Democratic form of Government depends its stability and prosperity, we propose the continual elevation of the moral, educational and pecuniary standard of that class of our population represented in this association.

Application for Membership.

N. B. Mechanics approving this platform of principles, and wishing to join the Association, will please add their names, occupation, and residence. *No initiation fee. Voluntary contributions.*

New York
94. West 25. st.
May. 24. 1860.

S. A. Douglass M. C.

Dear Sir- Your views
on the foregoing Platform of
Principles of the M. N. U. A.
are respectfully solicited.

I am Sir,

Very Respectfully

M. D. Bucklin

Pres.

M. N. U. A.

Office Sheriff St. Louis County,

St. Louis, 24th January 1860.

Hon^{ble} Stephen A. Douglass
Washington
Dear Sir

I would have addressed you in this about your friends & prospects in this section of County but for pressing private business & the knowledge that you were kept posted up by my friends Barrett & Kennedy.

Very recently I rec^d from Gov. Stewart the appointment of Sheriff of this County which is considered by many as a "Douglass Victory" from the fact that many strong Nationals (so called) were competitors & defeated by one who has openly avowed himself an admirer & supporter of your claims & policy. Stewart knew this but in spite of great opposition from the St. Louis Delegation & Mr. Roschall (of the Republicans) obtained one of the most important political positions in the State, which I may be able to use to the advantage of my friends.

It was my intention to have gone to the Charleston Convention if not as a delegate

an outside but the duties of my laborious office will now prevent this, but I may be able to do much to send those who will support you to the last,

Within the past few days I considered another important victory has been gained the Governor had the Appointment of two New Commissioners for our County Court which would strike out of the hands of the present Black Republican Board the great patronage & influence controlled by them for the past six months - Through the influence of Col. Kribben & Mr James Fauchet he appointed Mr Steitz an avowed & well known "Douglas Man" & Col. Boyer who I think leans to the administration, he declined upon account of private business & I am happy to inform you that the new appointee is Mr H.B. Bell a great admirer & friend of yours - I therefore consider we have gained enough to carry Missouri beyond doubt, all we want is to elect Fred. Kennedy Governor, & I think his chances are better than any in the field - he was here a few days ago we had many conversations about you

Not having had the pleasure of corresponding with you before I feel some

hesitancy in now addressing you but our former pleasant acquaintance & my present official position cause me to think that you will accept the disinterested friendship & services of one who offered them when he had nothing better to give,

You have many good friends here none more true than Mr Fauchet of the Herald Street that Mrs Douglass has quite recovered from her long & severe illness & frequently look back with pleasure to our trip to "Belleville Mo" & its results for you, please tender my respects to her

Very Sincerely,
Your friend
Wm. C. Courtenay

Wm C Courtenay
St Louis Mo
Jan 7 24. 1860
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Missouri politics
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Bardonia N.Y. 24. Jan'y 1860

Hon S. A. Douglass.

Dear Sir -

I feel anxious to see your Harper-Essay, together with Rev. J. Johnson's Articles upon the same subject. And if convenient you will please send them to me by mail. I have seen Atty Gen Black's attempt to answer you. and have heard of the Curtis article.

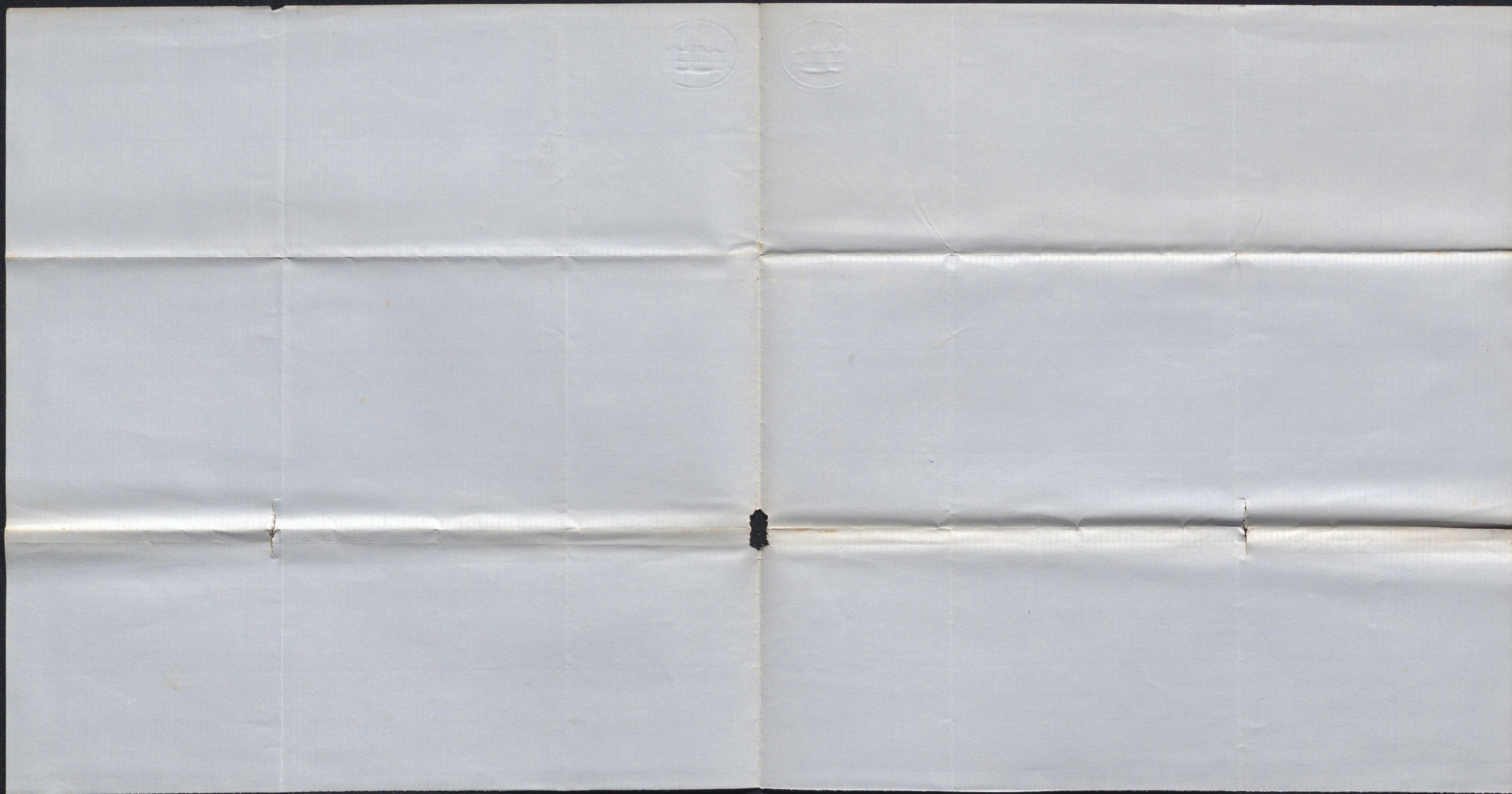
I desire these for reference in the coming great national struggle.

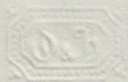
Sir, have you noticed the fact that the Administration party, in the Late "Frankfort Convention", refused to even intimate that they were for the perpetuation of our glorious Union? The people are for the Union.

Yours Respectfully
J. S. Elwell

J. H. Elliott
Bardonia
N.Y.
Jan'y 24. 1866

Harpers Art. Club





East Palestine

Columbiana County Ohio July 24 1860

Wm

S A Douglas

Dear Sir will you do me the
favor by sending me the
Patten Office reports of this year viz
Mechanical Agricultural & the
reports on Commerce

I have written to our State Senator
Wm Dugh about a month ago
but got no return thereof do
not know as he got my letter or
not if he has sent the documents.

I don't want more than one set
But if he has not sent them

please confer the above favor.

Yours truly
J B F4 Amitt

J. R. Hamilton
East Palestine
Columbiana Co.,
Jan'y 24. Ohio
Patent office reports.

United States Hotel
Washington

Jan 24th 1865,

Hon S A Douglas.
U. S. Senate

Sir,

I wish to send
some 20 or 30 copies of the speech
delivered by you on Yesterday
to my friends in South Carolina
Will you have the kindness to furnish
me that number, provided it puts
you to no inconvenience.

Very Respectfully
Yours &c
Andrew L. Hartlee

A. J. Haller
Washington
Jan'y 20. D.C.
Twenty copies of your
speeches.



Hon Stephen A. Douglas
United States Senator
of Illinois

Dear Sir

We have just organized a "Douglas Club" in this city, which is composed of young men, admirers of your course in the United States Senate and favorable to your elevation to the Presidential Chair, our club hopes to be a portion of that great party which is striving, and surely destined to make Popular Sovereignty the recognized policy of the country and thus banish forever from our national consideration the whole subject of slavery. This in our opinion can only be done by your elevation to the Presidency on the Cincinnati Platform. We are not sure it can be done by the elevation of any other living man even on the same Platform. Our present Executive originated this doubt and we hope the people will make a sure thing of it the next time by readopting the Cincinnati programme and by elevating the author of the Popular Sovereignty policy to be its

inaugurator and interpreter.

There is no outspoken paper here friendly to your cause and although the people generally recognized your doctrine as the right one and yourself the proper person to execute it as Chief Executive of the whole country yet the Politicians (especially the old ones) seem to talk very little in favor of any one, and to look out for the highest bidder.

We are not much experienced in politics but would like to be useful in your cause in any way in our power. The Club has chosen me Corresponding Secretary and if you desire the circulation of any documents in this section of the country we will try to give them the widest and most judicious circulation in our power.

In behalf of the "Pioneer Douglas Club"
of the city of Albany
I remain yours Respectfully

James J. Heffernan
Corresp. Secy
53 Bassett St
Albany.

N.B. I started this club Jan 5th and organized with seven members. It now numbers 185 and is daily increasing. We are waiting anxiously for the report of your speech on the resolution in relation to the invasion of States & Territories

J. J. H.

Albany, N.Y.
Jan'y 24th 1860

J. J. Heffernan
53 Bapett st.
Albany
Jan 24. N. Y.

The "Pioneer Douglas Club"
wish to distribute dis.

Marion, Linw Co. Iowa,
January 24. 1860.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,
Washington City.

Dear Sir:

I am a
citizen of Illinois, but have straggled
over into Iowa, and am now editing a
"Douglas and Popular Sovereignty" Democratic
paper, a copy of which I will mail you
separately.

Send me a lot of your speeches
to circulate among the Woodlins and other
boughten Hawkeyes. Also, public documents
reports, &c. for my political library.

And may God and victory be
on the side of Douglas and his principles.

Your devoted servant,

H. S. Lawrence
Editor Marion Herald.

R. S. Lawrence
Editor "Marion Herald".

Marion Linn Co. Iowa

Jan^y. 24 1868

asks for copies of speeches
for distribution, & pub.
Voc^y for his library.

Wethers Jan 24. 1860
Massachusetts

Wm A Douglass

Dear Sir

Everine & I are

in common with other Democratic
friends to see & read your speech made
in the U S Senate the 23rd & 24th inst
on the subject of the enactment of a
law to suppress immigrants &c. Thinking
that the circulation of a few copies in
our community may do a great deal of
good & have a tendency to set you
right with our friends - I write to request
that you will, if convenient & not wishing
to much of your, forward a few copies
to different individuals & for that purpose
enclose you a number of names of persons
who will be likely to make good use
of the document. If not able to send
all, please communicate the list & send as
many in order as convenient to you.
I am sure that our use will

presented in the State in Congress
by men, who for the most part are in
reason, clear-headed, and not without
abolition documents & "irrepressible
conflict" speeches, we have to ask
friends from other localities
in order that those among us who are
willing to listen to argument may
be kept from falling into error.

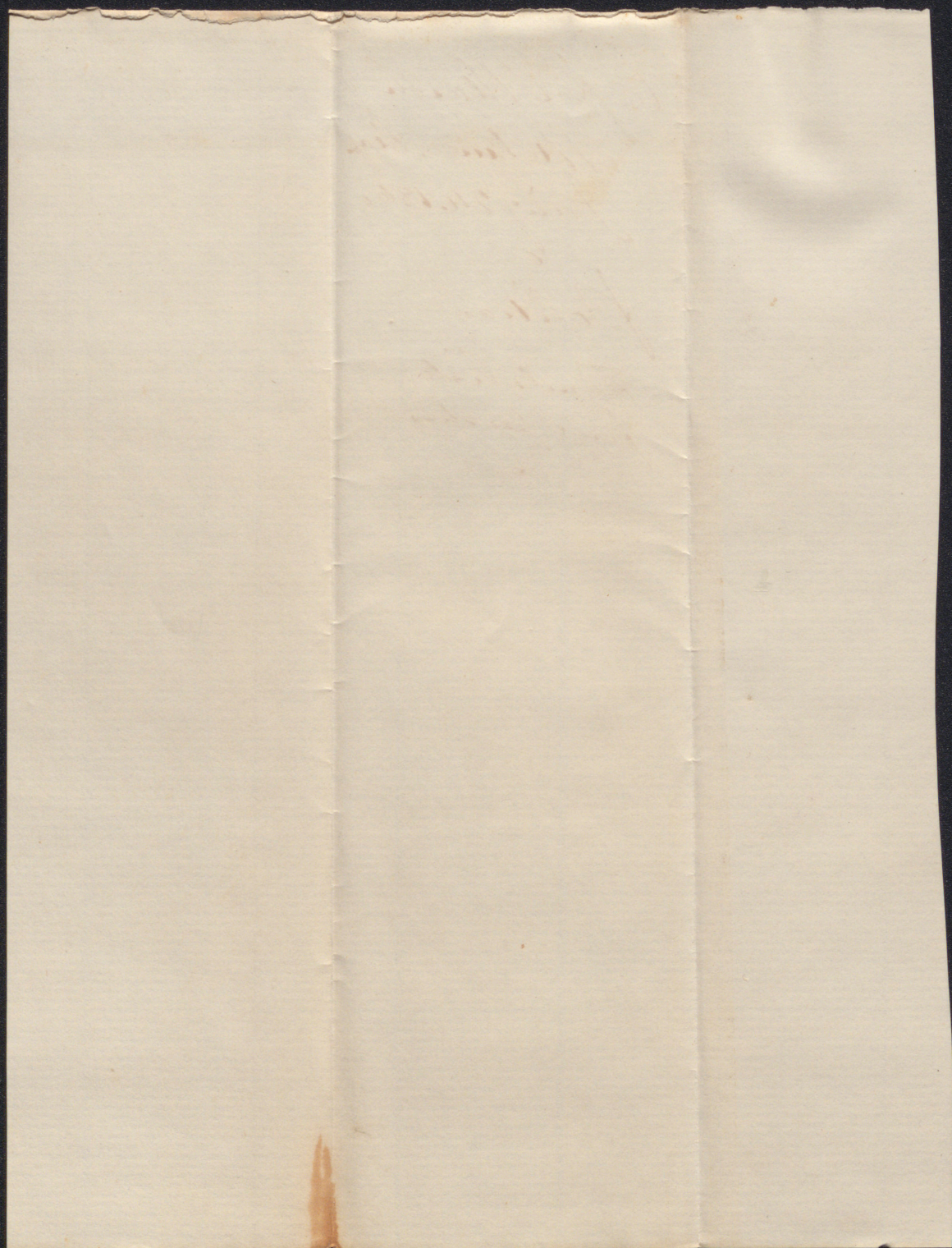
The true doctrine of popular sovereignty
is advocated by a majority of the
Democratic party here. The 1st Congress-
ional District is

With assurances of our best wishes
I am

Most Truly
Yours
E. J. Mansel

E. P. Marsh
Methuen. Mass.
June 24. 1860.

Political
Tends list
for Speeches



Rome Jan 24, 1860
Hon S. A. Douglass

Sir

Will you have
the kindness to furnish me
a copy Emerg's Mexican
Boundary Survey Volume
second is the one desired

I write to you for this
work believing it your
highest ambition to diffuse
knowledge

Yours Respectfully

C. N. May

Address

Rome

Bradford Co

Penna

C. W. Morry
Rome
Bradford Co.

Jan'y 23: pa

asking 2^d vol. of Emery's
Mexican boundary

Worcester Mass. Jan^y 24. 1860
 Hon. Stephen A. Douglas U.S.S.
 Dear Sir,

I am getting
 a Collection of Autographs, and
 will you please permit me to add
 yours to my list, I will enclose
 paper hoping you will grant
 my request. Any Speeches will
 be very acceptable as I am
 collecting them to bind. And
 you will greatly oblige
 Yours Respectfully,

Edward L. Spalding
 Worcester
 Mass

Ed. L. Spalding

Worcester

Jan. 21. Mass.

autograph & speeches

Friend Douglas Sir

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[Jan. 24, 1860]

I am Glad to hear of your health
Being Restored again & placing you on
the floor again I with a Large Emigration
have Moved from Ill to Southern Kansas
we have a thriving village here principally from
Ill & well wishers of your patently & otherwise
therefore they Consulted me to Drop you a Line
stating that we are in what is called the New York
Indian Lands trusting this note may be better
for we have no confidence Tammott he never has
Done any thing for Kansas & we never expect him
we would be glad & pleased to hear from you
AB our address

Sola po Allen Co KS

Yours Gratefully A Stewart

To S. D. Douglass

A. Stewart
Jola. N. Y.
Jan. 24

Species